

Chapter 20 Electricity

Section 20.4 Electronic Devices**(pages 618–622)**

This section discusses how various electronic devices operate and what they are used for.

Reading Strategy (page 618)

Summarizing Copy the table on a separate sheet of paper. As you read, complete the table to summarize what you learned about solid-state components. For more information on this Reading Strategy, see the **Reading and Study Skills** in the **Skills and Reference Handbook** at the end of your textbook.

Solid-State Components		
Solid-State Component	Description	Uses
Diode		
Transistor		
Integrated Circuit		

Electronic Signals (pages 618–619)

Match each term to its definition.

- | Definition | Term |
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| _____ 1. Information sent as patterns in the controlled flow of electrons through a circuit | a. electronics |
| _____ 2. The science of using electric current to process or transmit information | b. analog signal |
| _____ 3. A smoothly varying signal produced by continuously changing the voltage or current in a circuit | c. electronic signal |
| _____ 4. A signal that encodes information as a string of 1's and 0's | d. digital signal |
| 5. Which type of signal is usually used by an AM radio station? | |
| _____ | |

6. Is the following sentence true or false? Analog signals are more reliable than digital signals. _____

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Vacuum Tubes (page 619)

7. Circle the letter of each item that is a true about vacuum tubes.
 - a. can change alternating current to direct current
 - b. never burn out
 - c. can increase the strength of a signal
 - d. can turn a current on or off
8. Is the following sentence true or false? An image is produced in a CRT when phosphors glow red, green, and blue in response to electron beams. _____

Semiconductors (page 621)

9. What is a semiconductor? _____

10. Name the two types of semiconductors.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
11. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about a p-type semiconductor.
 - a. It can be made by adding a trace amount of boron to a silicon.
 - b. Electrons are attracted to positively charged holes at each boron atom.
 - c. As the electrons jump from hole to hole, it looks like a flow of positive charge.
 - d. Boron atoms provide weakly bound electrons that can flow.
12. Is the following sentence true or false? In an n-type semiconductor, weakly bound electrons can conduct a current. _____

Solid-State Components (pages 621–622)

Match each term to its definition.

Term	Definition
_____ 13. diode	a. A solid-state component with three layers of semiconductors
_____ 14. transistor	b. A thin slice of silicon that contains many solid-state components
_____ 15. integrated circuit	c. A solid-state component that combines an n-type and p-type semiconductor

16. A chip or microchip is another name for a(n) _____.

Communications Technology (page 622)

17. Why is it useful for communication devices to use microchips? _____

18. A mobile phone can store data such as phone numbers because _____.